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Office Action Summary

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-16 in the reply filed on 11/8/06 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP410086073.

'073 disclose : Regarding Claim(s) 1, a tool comprising: a body having an inner surface and an outer surface; means for gripping (2) disposed about an outer surface of the body; a central bore (5) defined by the inner surface of the body, the central bore disposed co-axially through said body, the central bore being shaped to snugly receive a quad shield coax cable longitudinally within the tool; a channel defined by the body, the channel joining the inner surface to the outer surface, the channel being v-shape parallel to a central axis of the body; a first bit end (3) of the body having first, second, third, and fourth engaging surfaces, such engaging surfaces of the first bit end being sized and disposed to grasp a fitting on a coax cable and such engaging surfaces of the first bit end being fixed in relation to each other; and a second bit end (4) of the body having first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth engaging surfaces, such engaging surfaces of the second bit end being sized and disposed to grasp a fitting on a coax cable, such engaging surfaces of the second bit end being fixed relative to each other and the first and sixth engaging surfaces having the channel extend therebetween (Abstract; Fig 1);

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Regarding Claim(s) 2, a tool comprising : a body having an inner surface and an outer surface; a central bore defined by the inner surface of the body, the central bore having a first diameter adjacent a first end of the central bore, the central bore having a second diameter adjacent a second end of the central bore, and the first diameter being larger than the second diameter; a channel defined by the body, the channel joining the inner surface to the outer surface; a first bit end of the body; and a second bit end of the body (Fig. 1); Regarding Claim(s) 3, the first bit end has a diameter, the diameter of the first bit end being smaller than the diameter of the first end of the central bore; Regarding Claim(s) 4, the second bit end has a diameter, the diameter of the second bit end being larger than the diameter of the second end of the central bore; Regarding Claim(s) 5 the channel is v-shaped along a plane parallel to a central axis of the body; Regarding Claim(s) 6, the body includes an insulation engagement wall oriented perpendicular to a central axis of the body, the cable being limited in longitudinal distance that the cable may move by engagement with the insulation engagement wall in one direction and by engagement with the inner surface in the opposite direction, preventing a fitting from disengaging from the first bit end; Regarding Claim(s) 7, the body includes a fitting engagement wall oriented perpendicular to a central axis of the body, the fitting engagement wall positioned to engage a fitting of a coax cable when the second bit end engages a fitting; Regarding Claim(s) 8, the first bit end of the body includes first, second, third, and fourth engaging surfaces; Regarding Claim(s) 9, engaging surfaces of the first bit end are sized and disposed to grasp a fitting on a quad shield coax cable;

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Regarding Claim(s) 10, wherein the engaging surfaces of the first bit end are fixed in relation to each other; Regarding Claim(s) 11, the second bit end of the body has first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth engaging surfaces; Regarding Claim(s) 12, the engaging surface of the second bit end are sized and disposed to grasp a fitting on an RG6 and on an RG59 coax cable; Regarding Claim(s) 13, the engaging surfaces of the second bit end are fixed relative to each other; Regarding Claim(s) 14, the first and sixth engaging surfaces define the channel extending therebetween; Regarding Claim(s) 15, the channel is of sufficient width to pass an insulative coating of a coax cable therethrough; Regarding Claim(s) 16, a coax cable positioned in the central bore (Abstract; Fig. 1).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN C. HONG whose telephone number is 571-272-4529. The examiner can normally be reached on HPH.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID BRYANT can be reached on 571-272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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